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ANHYDRIDE AND METHOD OF
PRODUCING
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GLYCOL USING ACETIC ANHYDRIDE

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

This communication under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 is being filed in response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2003 made final. Claims 1, 5, 6 and 8-10 are pending in the application. Claims 5 and 8-10 are allowed. Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶1 for lack of enablement and under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kobayashi et al. Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶1 as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventor, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention; and because the specification does not reasonably provide enablement for method of purifying acetic anhydride containing ketenes. Claim 6 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶2 as being indefinite.